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Entrance fees waived during Cross Ranch's Visitor Appreciation Day

A hike along the Missouri River, cabin open house and a children's story hour are on tap for visitors to Cross Ranch State Park on June 27 during the park's annual Visitor Appreciation Day. Activities at the park are being held in conjunction with Washburn's Lewis and Clark Days.

The park's regular entrance fee will be waived for all day users throughout the day as a "thank you" to park supporters. Activities begin with an open house from 1 until 5 p.m. at the John Colter and Art Link log cabins. Coffee and treats will be served.

At 2 p.m., a National Trails Day hike will take visitors along the Matah Trail. This low impact, 1.4 mile hike takes in a portion of the scenic Missouri River, passing a giant cottonwood over 200 years old. Participants will have an opportunity to win prizes, and refreshments will be served.

At 4 p.m., kids of all ages are invited to join the park staff for a short children's story, "Beaver at Long Pond," followed by a short hike to look for beaver homes along the river.

For information, call Cross Ranch State Park at 701-794-3731. The park is located 15 miles southwest of Washburn, ND